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MEMORANDUM FOR President, Fort Jackson Retiree Council, Fort Jackson, SC 29207

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council Meeting (5 Aug 10)

ACTION OF APPROVING AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Fort Jackson Retiree Council meeting conducted on 5 Aug 10 are approved/disapproved.

Encl

JAMES M. MILANO

Major General, U.S. Army

Commanding

Fort Jackson Retiree Council Meeting Minutes Fort Jackson, South Carolina 29207

- 1. The Fort Jackson Retiree Council held its regular bi-monthly meeting at 1800, 5 Aug 10, in the Directorate of Human Resources (DHR) Training Room, Fort Jackson, South Carolina.
 - a. Members present.

COL Mike Molosso, USA Retired, Chairman COL William A. Whatley, USA Retired LTC Tom McAndrews, USA Retired LTC Israel Nezvesky, USA Retired CW5 David A. Ratliff, USA Retired, Secretary CSM James W. Alford, USA Retired CSM Michael L. Armstead, USA Retired CSM Jesse DeBerry, USA Retired CSM Carl M. Lopez, USA Retired MSGT Robert W. Barkalow, USAF Retired SGM Robert B. Price, USA Retired

b. Members absent/excused.

COL Bernie Chapman, Jr., USA Retired
CAPT L. E. Spradlin, USN Retired
LTC John R. Marcucci, USMC Retired, Vice Chairman
MAJ Jackie Smalls, USA Retired
CW4 Harry S. Sobjack, USA Retired
CSM Russel Anderson, USA Retired
OSCM James T. Price, USN Retired
MSGT James W. Rodgers, USAF Retired

c. Others present.

COL Scott Nahrwold, Deputy Garrison Commander, USA Retired COL Robert Youmans, DHR/AG Office, USA Retired Mr. Al Brackett, Retirement Services Officer MSG Dennis Ramirez, Customer Management Services, USA Retired Ms. Pam English, MACH Mr. John Keegan, MWR Mr. Jerry Hamilton, Commissary Ms. Veronica Patrick-Jackson, AFAP Ms. Nancy Kessler, AAFES

2. Chairman Molosso called the meeting to order at 1805 and thanked all present for their attendance. Minutes from the 3 Jun 10 meeting were approved.

- 3. Garrison Update COL (Ret) Nahrwold:
- a. Construction continues on Fort Jackson. Drill Sergeant School should be finished in Nov or Dec 10 with an official opening in Jan 11.
- b. Fort Jackson sustained significant damage from recent storms. There were reports of 70-80 mph winds which downed trees and caused a loss of electrical power in several areas.
 - c. The new hotel is scheduled to open in the fall of 2010.
- d. The FY11 budget details are unknown but Fort Jackson expects to continue operations as usual.

4. Old Business:

- a. Discussion was held on whether to move the RAD from the last weekend in Apr 11 to a later date that would allow partnering it with Celebrate Freedom and Armed Forces Day. The Garrison would see a financial savings if events were combined. More information is needed to determine if there is any value added with the change. Retiree Council's recommendation was deferred until 7 Oct 10 meeting.
- b. The council voted to recommend COL (Ret) Murray to be the review speaker and CSM (Ret) Thornburgh to be the dinner speaker for the RAD. Invitations will be prepared for signature.
- 5. New Business: LTC (Ret) McAndrews stated the Officer's Club Council does not exist. The new CG has an interest in the Officer and NCO Clubs; therefore, it is likely to see the councils reactivated.

6. RSO:

- a. Mr. Brackett briefed the suggestions and recommendations from the 2010 Retiree Appreciation Days (RAD). The council requested that more non-military vendors be solicited for participation at the Expo and directional signs be developed showing the route to the Victory Bingo location. Ms. Turner will adjust the start time for the Expo lunch as well as develop ways to reduce the long lines that disrupts the flow of traffic during lunch. In addition, it was also suggested that the menu be changed from year-to-year.
- b. The Retiree Bulletin can be accessed two ways on the Fort Jackson website by logging on to www.jackson.army.mil then clicking on the "Retirees and Veterans"

link and then the "Retiree Bulletin" tab and also by clicking on the U.S. Army Garrison link, "Directorate of Human Resources" tab, then "Adjutant General Division" tab, followed by "Retirement Services" tab and finally "Fort Jackson Retiree Bulletin" tab.

7. Council Reports:

- a. Golf. The golf courses are in excellent condition with significant improvement having been done to the fairways and greens. They are testing a change to the Wildcat course on weekends where the normal hole #1 becomes hole #10 and hole #10 becomes hole #1. This allows the golfers to pass the snack bar when making the turn to the back 9 holes.
 - b. O'Club. Nothing to report.
- c. MACH. COL Fiore is the new commander of Moncrief Army Community Hospital (MACH). The MACH is #2 in customer service satisfaction behind only West Point. The new dining facility is scheduled to open by the second week of Sep 10. Flu shots begin the end of Sep 10 and run into Nov 10. There will be no H1N1 shots for this flu season. The Saturday Pharmacy is currently being under used. There is no wait for prescriptions and the average wait time is 12 minutes during normal operating hours.
- d. Customer Management Services. The Sep 10 AFAP Focus Group is for retirees and will be conducted the week of 20 Sep 10. The next Customer Service Assessment is 30 Aug 26 Sep 10. This is an online survey. Last year's survey received a large number of participants from the retiree population. The next AFAP Conference is scheduled for the Dec 10/Jan 11 timeframe.
- e. FMWR. Knight Pool is expected to reopen in Sep 10. On 1 Sep 10, the Coca-Cola Tours (Battle of the Bands) will be held at the waterpark. The Victory Bingo Center will offer Electronic Bingo by late Aug 10. The Hispanic Heritage observance will be held on 2 Oct 10, the location is yet to be determined. A concert featuring Kid Rock will be conducted on 11 Sep 10. There are 15,000 tickets free to ID card holders and another 15,000 are on sale to non-ID card holders for \$30.00 per ticket. The concert is sponsored by Jim Beam and is advertised as not suitable for minors.
- f. AAFES. The renovated section of the Food Court will reopen on 27 Sep 10. The new Popeye's restaurant should be operational in Dec 10. The Mini Mail snack bar was closed on 31 Jul 10 but may be reopened on Wednesdays and Thursdays to accommodate visitors during BCT/AIT Family Days and graduations.

- g. Commissary. The Commissary will conduct a complete reset of the entire store, to include new shelves and new traffic patterns. Maps showing the new location of the merchandise will be available to customers. In addition, the commissary will receive a new store director, who will be on board shortly. When taking the commissary survey, patrons are asked to compare the Fort Jackson commissary to area civilian grocery stores and not other commissaries.
 - h. Information Exchange. Nothing to report.
- 8. Closing Comments, Adjournment and Next Meeting: AllSouth Credit Union has looked at several locations for a new facility and will relocate on Jackson Boulevard. A recommendation was made to have the new Fort Jackson leadership (Commanding General, Garrison Commander and Brigade Commanders) attend a Task Force Marshal ceremony. Deploying service members depart Columbia Metro Airport every three weeks. Meeting was adjourned at 1925. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 Oct 10.

MICHAEL R. MOLOSSO

COL, USA Retired

Chairman, Fort Jackson Retiree Council